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Three new key National Park Service staff members on duty at Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Steve Martin has welcomed two new deputy superintendents and a new science center director to the park in the past few weeks. Palma E. Wilson is the new Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Barclay C. Trimble is the new Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, and Martha G. Hahn is the new Science Center Director.

“Palma, Barclay and Martha bring with them a high level of expertise and a deep respect for the National Park Service mission,” Martin said. “I feel these three people have the experience and skills to meet Grand Canyon National Park’s ever changing environment and assisting me in building a powerful management team to meet the park’s numerous challenges.”

Palma Wilson

Wilson, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, is a 30-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS). She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She began her career with the NPS at Assateague Island National Seashore in Virginia and Maryland as a Student Conservation Association (SCA) volunteer. She has a very strong background in the areas of interpretation and management. Wilson worked as a seasonal interpretive ranger at Assateague Island



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National Seashore in Virginia and Maryland, at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in Missouri, and at Fire Island National Seashore in New York.

Wilson also served as a park ranger at Ozark National Scenic Riverways in Missouri, a park ranger and chief of interpretation and visitor services at Harry S Truman National Historic Site in Missouri, and chief of interpretation and resource management at Scotts Bluff and Agate Fossil Beds National Monuments in Nebraska.

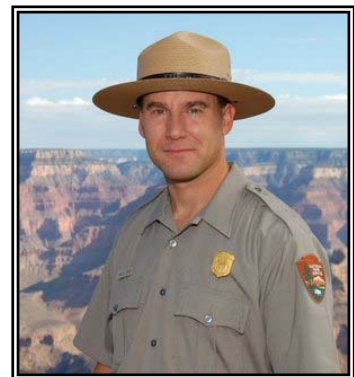
“Palma is an outstanding leader,” Martin said. “She listens to and understands the communities around her; she provides excellent leadership to her staff; and she works well with local and state governments and other federal agencies.”

From 1994-1998, Wilson served as the superintendent at Pipestone National Monument in Minnesota. She has also been superintendent of Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments (1998-2001), superintendent of Colorado National Monument (2001–2004), and most recently, superintendent of the Flagstaff Area Monuments (2004–2007). In 2006, she also served as associate to the deputy director, NPS Operations, as a Randy Jones Leadership Fellow.

“I am honored to have been selected as the deputy superintendent of operations for Grand Canyon National Park and look forward to working with park staff, local communities, affiliated tribes and park partners,” Wilson said. “This is an exciting time for the Grand Canyon, and I welcome the opportunity to work with all on projects and issues of mutual interest.”

Barclay Trimble

Trimble, a Certified Public Accountant, is a 16-year veteran of the NPS. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He began his career for the NPS in 1991 as an accountant for the NPS Concessions Program in Washington D.C. Trimble has a very strong background in the areas of financial management, accounting, the Federal Lands Recreational Fee Act (FLREA) Program and the NPS Concessions Management Program.



“Grand Canyon National Park is the most complex national park in the system and has the largest FLREA Program and Concessions Management Program in the service,” Martin said.

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“Barclay has the type of experience that will be extremely valuable in overseeing those areas as the deputy superintendent of business services.”

Trimble has worked as a concessions specialist at Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks, a management assistant at Denali National Park and Preserve and for the National Transportation Safety Board, chief of the business management office at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and chief of finance for the NPS Concessions Program in Denver. Most recently, he served as the recreational fee manager for the Intermountain Region.

“I am excited for the opportunity to join the exceptional team entrusted to preserve and protect Grand Canyon National Park,” Barclay said. “I’m looking forward to working with partners, the congressional delegation and local constituents on a variety of issues that affect both the park and local communities. My wife, Lana, and I are excited about the move and looking forward to becoming established in northern Arizona and being involved with the local and park communities.”

Martha Hahn

Hahn has 26 years of experience in the national public lands management arena via the non-profit sector and the federal government. She has a bachelor’s degree in forestry and outdoor recreation and a master’s degree in outdoor recreation behavior. She has strong leadership skills and understands how science and management are intertwined.



“Martha is an invaluable addition to our park staff,” Martin said. “She has the experience and expertise to make solid management decisions, and she is a strong leader who will help the park deal with various issues of national and international significance.”

Hahn has had a diverse career with the federal government. After spending a few summers as a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) seasonal firefighter and recreation technician, she took her first permanent job with the federal government as an outdoor recreation planner for the BLM in Utah. Martha then took her first job with the NPS in 1985 to oversee the Glen Canyon Dam Environmental Studies and river management in Grand Canyon National Park. During her time at the Grand Canyon, she became the management assistant to the park’s superintendent.

Hahn then returned to the BLM in 1987 and became the first woman line manager in Utah. In 1989, she left the federal sector and joined the newly formed, non-profit conservation organization, The Grand Canyon Trust (Trust), as vice president for conservation. In 1992, Hahn returned to the BLM as the associate director for the state of Colorado. In 1995, she became director of the BLM in Idaho. As the director, she was responsible for the management of nearly 12 million acres, the leadership of more than 1,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$90 million. In 2005, she returned to the Trust as associate director.

“The reason that national parks were established was for the resources they contain,” Hahn said. “I’m excited to be back at the Grand Canyon and working with the outstanding staff whose responsibility is to protect and conserve these special resources.”

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